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FOY NAMED DIRECTOR OF STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT

Valorie Foy, assistant superintendent and director of instruction for Crete Public Schools, has been named Nebraska's director of statewide assessment.

Nebraska Education Commissioner Roger Breed said Foy's leadership skills and her expertise in assessment and instruction will serve Nebraska schools and their students well. Beginning July 2, Foy will have oversight for statewide school accountability as well as Nebraska's state tests in reading, writing, mathematics and science.

Foy replaces Pat Roschewski, the state's first director of statewide assessment, who retires in July. Roschewski has held the post since 2000.

"The Nebraska Department of Education has shown great leadership through many years of growth and change in the area of assessment, and I am proud and excited to join the team," Foy said. "I am looking forward to working with our schools statewide in using assessment to measure and improve student learning."

In 2005, Foy received a doctorate in education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She received a Master's Degree in English from Middlebury College in Vermont and a Bachelor's Degree in education at State University of New York.

Among her accomplishments, she most recently served as chair of the Nebraska Association for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; chair of the Crete Public Schools technology team that implemented a \$283,000 grant; and co-chair of Crete's Teacher Evaluation Committee that revised district teacher appraisal procedures. She has worked as a teacher or education administrator since 1973.